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Petition for Three-Month Extension of Time

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Sir:

An Office Action which, on its face, granted a three (3) month period of time in which to respond thereto was mailed on May 5, 2004, with respect to the above-identified presently pending application. Accordingly, the shortened statutory period for response was set to end on August 5, 2004.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a), Applicants hereby request a three (3) month extension of time in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action. Thus, the period of response is to be extended until November 5, 2004.

Please charge the \$980.00 fee for this extension of time designated by 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(3) to Kimberly-Clark Worldwide, Inc. deposit account number 11-0875. This extension request is submitted in duplicate.

The undersigned may be reached at: 770-587-8620.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea S. Wulz et al.

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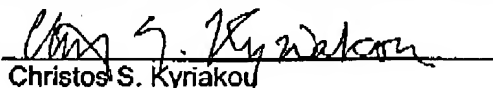

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